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Re: Honolulu Board of Water Supply May 19, 2016 Letter to U.S. EPA and Hawaii DOH

Dear Mr. Lau:

Thank you for participating in the external Subject Matter Expert meeting held in Honolulu, Hawaii on May 10 through May 12, 2016. EPA and DOH were glad to have the opportunity to present to you, your staff and your consultants, the progress made to date in implementing the requirements of the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility Administrative Order on Consent (AOC). We were also pleased to listen and consider the many thoughtful questions, comments and suggestions you and others presented at the meetings.

Regarding your May 19, 2016 letter, we want to clarify a few points. The Navy submitted the Monitoring Well Installation Plan on April 26, 2016 and has asked the Regulatory Agencies to expedite their review of this plan, requesting that we provide any comments by May 25, 2016. If the Board of Water Supply has any comments on this document that they wish us to consider before we send our comment letter to the Navy they must be submitted no later than Tuesday May 24, 2016. The installation of these new wells are a critical first step in gathering information to improve our understanding of groundwater flow patterns and we believe that this activity must begin as soon as possible.

The Regulatory Agencies are still reviewing the Navy's Scope of Work for the tasks to be undertaken under Sections 6 & 7 of the Red Hill AOC Scope of Work. We anticipate sending our comment letter to the Navy by June 10, 2106. Any comments you have on the Navy's Section 6 & & Scope of Work that you wish us to consider in our comment letter must be received by the Regulatory Agencies no later than June 3, 2016.

We will also be informing that Navy that we believe scoping discussions for the Section 2 Tank Inspection, Repair and Maintenance Procedures Report and the Section 3 Tank Upgrade Alternatives Report are complete. We will be sending a letter to the Navy this week asking them to concur that scoping for these documents is complete. If you have any comments in this respect we must receive

them immediately. Please note that there will be many more opportunities to comment on these sections of the AOC Scope of Work as the Navy develops the final documents and submits them to the Regulatory Agencies for review and approval.

We appreciate the Honolulu Board of Water Supply's continued interest in this project and we will make every effort to continue to keep you informed of progress being made.

Sincerely,

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